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BW Convention

The version in the NEW YORK TIMES of Aug 6.
has just come to my attention.

I have no special comment to add, from a technical standpoint. The procedural issues (role of Security Council, etc., have been gone over ~~by~~ ^{!!} ~~us before~~); nor can I add to your insight about the Chinese question.

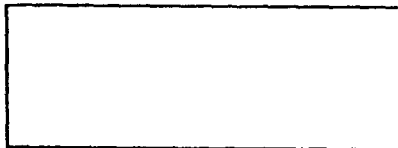
Too bad "use" did not get into articles 1,3; but this may be a quibble.

There seems to be little danger, in the present version, that the reciprocity features of the Geneva protocol will be assimilated by Article 7, e.g. to justify the resumption of BW capability in response to an alleged CW offense.

In sum, I will be deeply relieved and gratified to see this adopted as widely and as quickly as possible.

This may not be the final chapter IN BW. New scientific developments may interact with political convolutions to create what seem to be irresistible temptations for evasion. But this is a major start and relief of a self-aggravating source of tension and it buys time desperately needed.

We should not lose hold of the momentum for international cooperation in positive applications of biological knowledge for world health.



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